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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

* **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2005.

* **Winter wheat harvested for grain** was forecast at 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

* **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels less than last year.

* **Kansas**, the number one winter wheat state, was expecting 319.6 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2005.

KENTUCKY

Farmers expect to produce 21.1 million bushels of **winter wheat**. The expected crop for 2006 was up 3 percent from the previous crop and the largest in three years. The larger crop resulted from an increase in harvested acreage. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 68 bushels, the

same as for 2005. The estimated yield equals the 2005 yield as the highest on record. Farmers seeded 410,000 acres in the fall of 2005 and intend to harvest 310,000 acres for grain. Acres for grain were up 10,000 acres from the 2005 crop. The 100,000 acres not harvested for grain were used as a cover crop and plowed down prior to setting tobacco or will be cut as grain silage or hay.

The wheat crop going into winter was in good condition with some plant populations reduced due to dry soil conditions and reduced germination at seeding time last fall. Coming out of winter, the wheat crop was in mostly good to excellent condition despite a relatively wet winter. Producers reported 2 percent winter kill. Crop weather reporters as of April 28 indicated crop condition as 2 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 50 percent good and 28 percent excellent. As of April 30, 60 percent of the crop had headed, ahead of 26 percent for last year and 29 percent for the five year average. Developing plants will need adequate moisture and good growing weather during May and June for the crop to develop into a good yield crop.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., MAY 1, 2006

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2005	Ind. 2006	2005	Ind. 2006	2004	2005	Ind. 2006
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,200	2,000	24.0	24.0	45,900	52,800	54,000
Illinois	600	870	61.0	63.0	53,100	36,600	54,810
Indiana	340	450	72.0	69.0	27,280	24,480	31,050
Kansas	9,500	9,400	40.0	34.0	314,500	380,000	319,600
KENTUCKY	300	310	68.0	68.0	20,520	20,400	21,080
Missouri	540	870	54.0	53.0	48,360	29,160	46,110
Montana	2,100	1,950	45.0	42.0	66,830	94,500	81,900
Nebraska	1,760	1,650	39.0	38.0	61,050	68,640	62,700
Ohio	830	960	71.0	69.0	55,180	58,930	66,240
Oklahoma	4,000	3,100	32.0	22.0	164,500	128,000	68,200
Oregon	780	760	61.0	55.0	47,580	47,580	41,800
Tennessee	150	190	56.0	56.0	13,720	8,400	10,640
Texas	3,000	1,300	32.0	27.0	108,500	96,000	35,100
Washington	1,800	1,800	67.0	68.0	117,250	120,600	122,400
U.S.	33,794	31,177	44.4	42.4	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,322,831

FINAL 2005 TOBACCO

BURLEY: The final production estimate of **Kentucky** burley tobacco for 2005 was 143.5 million pounds, down 31 percent from the 206.7 million pounds produced in 2004 and the smallest crop since 1927. The smaller 2005 crop resulted from a 36,000 acre decrease in harvested acreage even with a 100 pound increase in yield per acre. Many farmers quit raising burley as a result of the tobacco buyout in the fall of 2004. Harvested acreage was estimated at 70,000 acres, the smallest acreage on record since records started being kept in 1919. Yield was estimated at 2,050 pounds, an increase of 100 pounds from the 2004 crop and the largest yield in four years. Some farmers had excellent growing conditions and harvested a good crop. Other farmers had a lower yield due to dry soil conditions, hail, flooding and/or wind damage. Average price was \$1.56 per pound, down 44.0 cents from the previous year. The 2005 crop was mostly sold by direct contract to tobacco buyers, with light auction sales.

Production for the **Burley Producing States** totaled 203.4 million pounds, down 30 percent from the 2004 crop. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 71 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

DARK TOBACCO: Beginning in 2005, four dark tobacco types produced by Kentucky farmers were combined into two groups. Type 22 and Type 23 were combined into dark fire-cured. One Sucker Type 35 was combined with Green River Type 36 into dark air-cured. Production of dark tobacco grown in Kentucky was up from the 2004 crop. The increase in dark fire-cured tobacco production resulted from both an increase in harvested acreage and yield. Production was 20.4 million, an increase of 2.41 million pounds from the 2004 crop. Fire-cured acreage was estimated at 6,000 acres, up 700 acres from 2004 and yield per acre at 3,400 pounds per acre was up 6 pounds from the 2004 crop. Price received by farmers was \$2.35 per pound, down 18.3 cents from the 2004 crop. The increase in dark air-cured tobacco production resulted from an increase in harvested acreage. Production was 10.4 million pounds, up less than one percent from the previous year. The increase in production resulted from a 50 acre increase in harvested acreage. Harvested acreage was estimated at 3,700 acres with a yield of 2,800 pounds per acre. Price received by farmers was \$2.13 per pound, down 7.5 cents from the previous year. Production of both types was sold direct by contract to the tobacco companies.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND, BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
							Rec'd by Farmers	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	(Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		(Dollars)	
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	106,000	70,000	1,950	2,050	206,700	143,500	2.000	1.560
Indiana	4,200	-	2,050	-	8,610	-	1.982	-
Missouri	1,450	1,350	2,300	2,075	3,335	2,801	1.980	1.540
N. Carolina	4,700	3,000	1,400	1,650	6,580	4,950	1.943	1.560
Ohio	5,600	3,400	1,960	1,980	10,976	6,732	1.990	1.582
Pennsylvania	-	2,200	-	2,200	-	4,840	-	1.400
Tennessee	24,000	17,000	1,920	2,000	46,080	34,000	1.980	1.600
Virginia	5,900	2,800	1,390	2,100	8,201	5,880	1.977	1.575
W. Virginia	1,300	400	1,300	1,700	1,690	680	1.970	1.550
U.S.	153,150	100,150	1,908	2,031	292,172	203,383	1.994	1.564
DARK FIRE-CURED								
KENTUCKY	5,300	6,000	3,394	3,400	17,990	20,400	2.533	2.350
Tennessee	5,720	5,500	3,115	3,000	17,816	16,500	2.547	2.410
Virginia	710	340	1,895	2,150	1,345	731	1.798	1.974
U.S.	11,730	11,840	3,167	3,178	37,151	37,631	2.513	2.369
DARK AIR-CURED								
KENTUCKY	3,650	3,700	2,825	2,800	10,313	10,360	2.205	2.130
Tennessee	540	450	2,750	2,600	1,485	1,170	2.120	2.200
Virginia	70	-	1,770	-	124	-	1.476	-
U.S.	4,260	4,150	2,799	2,778	11,922	11,530	2.187	2.137
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	114,950	79,700	2,044	2,186	235,003	174,260	2.050	1.686
U.S.	408,050	298,080	2,161	2,171	881,875	647,278	1.984	1.659

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in the United States during 2005 totaled 1.35 billion pounds, 8.1 percent above 2004. California accounted for 30.3 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 28.5 percent.

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 9.13 billion pounds, 2.9 percent above 2004 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 26.4 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 3.81 billion pounds, 2.0 percent above 2004 and accounted for 41.8 percent of total cheese in 2005. Italian varieties, with 3.80 billion pounds were 3.9 percent above 2004 production. Mozzarella accounted for 79.4 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 8.0 percent and Ricotta with 6.2 percent. California was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 28.6 percent of the production.

Ice cream production was mixed in 2005. Regular ice cream production totaled 953 million gallons, up 3.6 percent from 2004. Lowfat ice cream, at 364 million gallons, down 6.0 percent. Nonfat dry milk for human food production, at 1.19 billion pounds, was down 16.0 percent from 2004. Dry whole milk, at 32 million pounds, was down 22.0 percent.

Kentucky plants produced 13.5 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2005, up 15 percent from 2004. Lowfat cottage cheese production totaled 10.9 million pounds, up 21 percent from 2004. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 15 percent from last year. Sixteen Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products in 2005. Totals for most dairy products manufactured in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2006

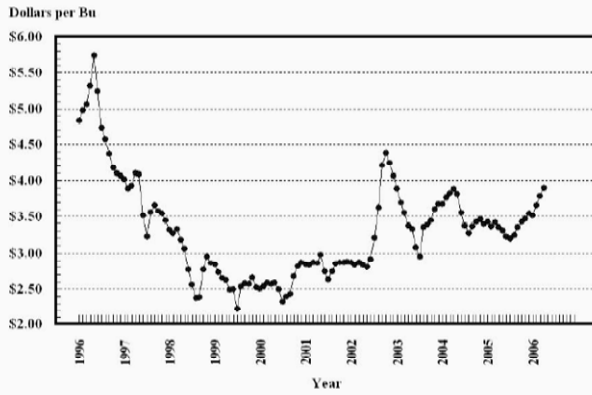
PRODUCT	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006 ^{1/}	Mar. 2006	Percent of Mar. Feb. 2005 2006	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	122,402	136,953	142,025	116	104
CHEESE					
American Types ^{2/}	331,468	304,376	338,396	102	111
Mozzarella	269,830	242,804	271,511	101	112
All Other Types ^{3/}	196,213	173,798	199,763	102	115
Total	797,511	720,978	809,670	102	112
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	78,753	62,916	77,914	99	124
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	5,942	4,524	6,062	102	134
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	44,060	34,928	44,340	101	127
Yogurt Mix	3,731	2,742	3,674	98	134

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. ^{3/} Includes Swiss, cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

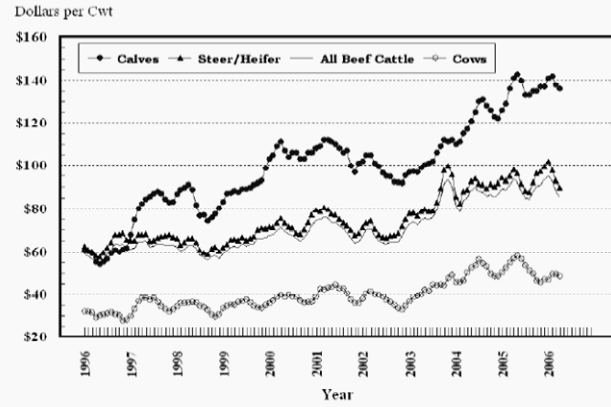
2005 POULTRY - PRODUCTION & VALUE, KENTUCKY & U.S.

ITEM	KENTUCKY		2005 % of 2004	UNITED STATES		2005 % of 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
BROILERS						
Numbers Produced (000)	290,800	297,800	102	8,740,650	8,870,350	101
Pounds Produced (000)	1,570,300	1,637,900	104	45,796,250	47,908,100	105
Live Weight Equiv. \$/lb.	0.440	0.430	98	0.446	0.436	98
Value of Production (000)	690,932	704,297	102	20,446,086	20,901,939	102
EGG PRODUCTION						
Eggs Produced (million)	1,232	1,228	100	89,091	89,960	101
Price Per Dozen (dollars)	0.858	0.709	83	0.714	0.539	75
Value of Production (000)	88,099	72,568	82	5,299,185	4,042,282	76
CHICKENS						
Number Sold (000)	2,514	2,549	101	191,706	193,116	101
Pounds Sold (000)	18,352	19,627	107	997,621	1,000,535	100
Price per Pound (dollars)	0.094	0.096	102	0.058	0.065	112
Value of Sales (000 dollars)	1,725	1,884	109	57,615	64,554	112

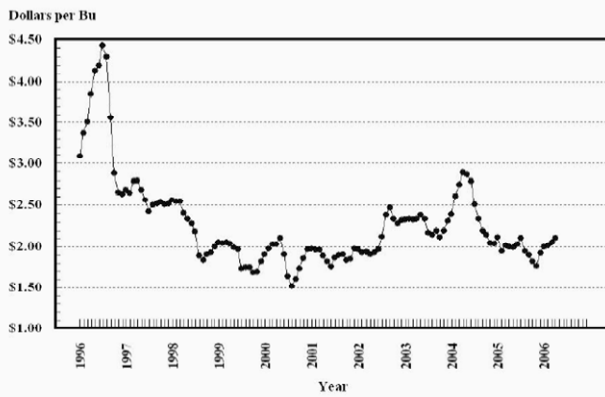
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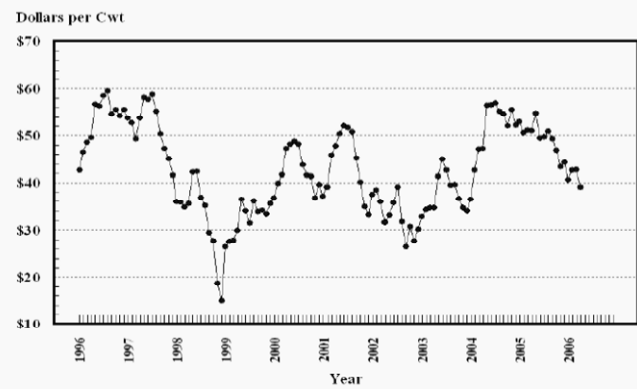
Prices Received, Cattle, US



Prices Received, Corn, US



Prices Received, Hogs, US



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